



# Florida International University

*Student Government Council – Biscayne Bay Campus & FIU at I-75*

## MINUTES

### **SGC-BBC Senate Meeting**

**August 26, 2019**

#### IN ATTENDANCE

Gabriella Malak, CASE Senator/Speaker of the Senate  
Gabriel Hernandez, Upper Division Senator/Speaker Pro-Tempore  
Keanu Orfano, At-Large Senator (3:57 PM)  
Stephanie Morisset, CASE Senator  
Mickalia Paisley, At-Large Senator/Internal Affairs Chair  
Catalina Nemmi, FIU at I-75 Senator/Student Advocacy Chair  
Mark Monaco, Health Services Administration  
Mahalia Balfour, Vice President

#### EXCUSED

Aaliyah Gordon, Communication & Journalism Senator

#### UNEXCUSED

Yuze Ji, Hospitality & Management Senator

#### GUESTS

Pamela Ho Fung, SGA President  
Larissa Adames, SGA Advisor  
Nedjina Dol, SGA Front Desk Assistant

#### CALL TO ORDER

The SGC-BBC Senate held a meeting on August 26, 2019 – **WUC 221**. The meeting was called to order at **3:38 pm**, approximately, by **Speaker Malak** who presided over the meeting in its entirety.

#### WELCOME

Speaker Malak welcomed everyone and hoped that everyone's summer was relaxing. Speaker is excited about this semester, "We've been busy planning the bus event and SGA Day all summer."

#### SPEAKER REPORT

Speaker Malak ...

- Tabled at the Freshmen Convocation yesterday, it went really well, I told the students about the internship positions that we offer.
- Planning Get Moving with SGA, there will be many councils that will be tabling.
- Will be at the recruitment event tomorrow.
- RSVP if you are going to the bus event at MMC tomorrow.
- September 4th is SGA Day. The theme is “Superhero,” I will not be here in the morning, however, I will be present for the afternoon section.
- We need a better system when it comes to tabling because it cannot be the same people tabling at every event.
- Met with John Habib to discuss the Senate Academic Commission.

### **VICE PRESIDENT REPORT**

Vice President Balfour ...

- Welcome to this amazing Fall Semester, we have a lot of exciting events this semester.
- Shuttle event is tomorrow, we have to show our faces because we worked hard for this.
- Met with Dr. DeSantis in regards to improving clinic services, bring back Healthy Living at BBC.
- I am working with Bayview Housing in regards to residents paying for shuttle that is now free.
- The 1st meeting for the Senate Academic Commission will in September, email me list of classes that is not frequent at BBC.

### **SPEAKER PRO'S REPORT**

Speaker Pro Hernandez...

- Hope you all had a great semester.
- Will be at the BBC event tomorrow.
- Working on filling up the room with senators as soon as possible.
- SGA Day, we will need a lot of help.
- Plan to get in contact with the new SIPA Advisor.

### **ADVISOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Adames...

- Welcome back, I missed you all, glad you all are back.
- Fill out your forms.
- Waiting for the new polos and jacket.
- The name tags are ready.
- This semester, I want to have one on one meetings with you all.
- You all might receive an email from NACA to do the assessment.

- The new council might not have access to the computer yet, please be patient.
- Some of the printers are not working, due to an update we had over the summer, please let me know if it's not working for you.
- Kaila's office hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- If you are looking for a job on campus, FIU Embrace is hiring Academic Mentor.
- If you have issue with the 50% rule, you still have until next tuesday to add/drop.
- There will be a Mooncake event on Thursday at 9am in the Hospitality Building looking for volunteers.

Dr. Montgomery...

- Welcome back, wish you all a great semester.
- Promote as much as you can.
- Involvement week flyer is now out.
- Talk to students about coming to events at BBC, we now have free shuttle.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Approval of the Minutes**

Senator Orfano moves to approve Senate Meeting Minutes of 7.22.2019. Senator Paisley seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. Chair/ Committee Nominations**

#### **I. Rules, Legislation, and Judiciary (R.L.J.) Committee Chairperson Position**

Speaker Malak explained the position to the council and then proceeds to nomination.

There were no nominations for this position.

#### **II. Operational Review (O.R.) Committee Chairperson Position**

Speaker Malak explained the position to the council and then proceeds to nomination.

There were no nominations for this position.

#### **III. Finance Committee**

Speaker Malak explained the position to the council and then proceeds to nomination.

There were no nominations for this position.

Vice President Balfour stated that each senate are required to be in 2 committees and chairs have

to be in one.

Speaker Malak stated, “To join, you have to ask the chair. Also, let others know about the open position.”

## **B. Senate Goals/Expectations for Fall 2019**

### **I. Senate as a Whole**

Speaker Malak...

- Everyone knows what their expectations are.
- Professionalism: Attend General and Senate Meetings in uniform. If you can't make it, let me know ahead of time.
- Respect
- Efficiency
- Diligence

### **II. Chairs/Committees**

Speaker Malak...

- Efficiency: Make sure you do the 7hrs or 5hrs per week.
- Update Speaker Pro
- Be Organize
- Communicate with us for any concerns.

### **III. Individual Senate Goals**

Speaker Malak...

- Respect everyone, respect the commitment you make to join SGA.
- Wear Polos.
- Speak with your Deans.
- Communications: If need help, speak with us.
- Professionalism
- Team Work

### **IV. Legislation Deadline**

Speaker Malak stated, “Start working on legislation, make sure it is meaningful.”

October 7th, 2019 is the legislation deadline.

### **C. Senate Academic Commission**

#### **I. Introduction of the Senate Academic Commission**

Vice President Balfour: This is a super important commission that started with Former Speaker Habib. If you are an Upper Division or At-Large Senator, you must join this Commission. There will be two spots open for any other Senators, however they can't be from the same schools because we want every schools/programs to have a voice. We need you all to be focused and dedicated.

Dr. Montgomery: Did you guys speak with Dr. Ortiz about this?

President Ho Fung: We will contact him again.

Vice President Balfour: We sent the Bill to him last year.

#### **II. Goals of the Senate Academic Commission**

Vice President Balfour: There will be for this commission in Mid-September, that meeting is to take action.

President Ho Fung: This commission is important because FIU goal is for its students to graduate in 4 years and we are looking for many ways for that to happen.

Senator Orfano: Who is the Chairperson for this Commission?

Vice President Balfour: I am.

#### **III. Nominations for the Senate Academic Commission**

Speaker Malak opened floor for nomination.

Speaker Malak stated, "Senator Nemmi is working towards having this Commission at i75."

Ms. Adames: When are you guys meeting?

Vice President Balfour: Two times each Semester, Fall and Spring.

There were no nomination.

### **D. Congress Meeting**

Speaker Malak gave the council four possible dates to choose from for the Congress Meeting.

The dates were: September 16, September 30, October 14, and October 21.

Vice President Balfour: We should should two best dates and send them for MMC council to choose which one will be best for them.

The best two dates that the council agreed on were September 30th and October 21st.

Speaker Malak: I will send the two dates to MMC for them to choose.

### **E. Senate Assignments**

Speaker Malak: Senate Assignments are due today.

## **DISCUSSION**

### **A. Open Forum**

#### **I. Student Concerns**

A Psychology Research student: There's no opportunity for undergraduate psychology students to do research.

Vice President Balfour: FIU Police is blocking the double parking. Students are also saying that FIU Police takes 30 min to get here.

*Point of Personal Leave - Senator Nemmi - 4:38PM*

Ms. Adames mentioned the to go person for any Police concerns at BBC is Major Gomez.

#### **II. Senate Concerns**

There was no Senate Concerns.

#### **III. Additional Comments, Suggestions, Concerns**

Senator Monaco: There's a branch on the way to FIU that looks like it is about to fall.

Dr. Montgomery: If it's not on FIU campus, we might have to bring that North Miami Police.

## **REPORTS**

### **I. Student Advocacy Chair's Report**

Senator Nemmi..

- No Report

### **II. Internal Affairs Chair Report**

Senator Paisley...

- Over the summer, I have had the chance to meet with President Ho Fung and Vice President Balfour in order to discuss ideas and plans for this year's Leadership Lounge. We have come up with a few potential dates and will provide more information as we have made more plans.
- In efforts to create a better system for SGA officials to meet their tabling requirements, I will be sending out calendar invites for upcoming events with tabling opportunities. For those who are interested in tabling, I will send out a form/doodle to ensure that there is representation for the entirety of the event.

### **III. Finance Chair Report**

Senator Morisset...

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### **IV. Senate's Report**

Senator Orfano...

- Will update Legislation tomorrow
- Might be my last Senate meeting with you all.
- Submitted my application for Chief of Justice.

### **V. President's Report**

- We're looking for impact, "Walk the talk" - Vice President Balfour
- "We have to be better by being better." - President Rosenberg
- Couldn't ask for a better team.
- Will report everything on Wednesday at the General Meeting, including Presidential Address, appointment, and more.
- Tomorrow is a big event, show face.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

- Get Moving With SGA 8/27
- Panther Luau 8/29
- Soccer Game 8/30
- SGA Day September 4th
- Football Game September 7th

*Senator Orfano moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:51 PM. Senator Paisley seconded the motion.*

*The motion passed unanimously.*

*The meeting was adjourned by Speaker Malak at 4:51 PM.*